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DECLARATION OF REMY J. VANOPHEM

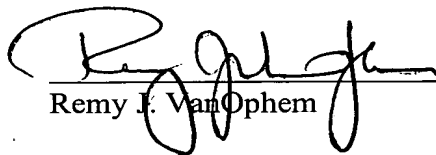
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

I, Remy J. VanOphem, declare as follows:

The attached substitute specification contains the specification as originally filed on June 8, 2000, as well as additional grammatical and typographical amendments that have been incorporated therein. In accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 132, no new matter has been added.

I, Remy J. VanOphem, further declare that the above statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the document or any patent issuing thereon.


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